



Provider Communication

Subject:	New HIPAA EPSDT (Health Check) referral codes	Priority:	High
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Dear Provider:

New HIPAA EPSDT (Health Check) referral codes are a Federal Requirement that impacts every state in the country (see October 2003 Health Check Services Manual, section 911). We, Georgia Medicaid/PeachCare For Kids, clearly understand that these HIPAA EPSDT referral codes are a new requisite that necessitate training and provides the opportunity for Health Check providers to develop and test their systems. In order to make this system change, providers must be informed so they can 1) try out the link that currently exists on the web claim, 2) inform their software vendors/billing clearinghouses, if applicable, of the change, 3) revise documents (i.e., encounter forms, etc.) and 4) attend training sessions prepared with questions and concerns about the new Federal requirement. During this time, we will not deny Health Check claims if the codes are not present. If you use a Billing Clearinghouse/ Software vendor, please share the attached X12 Addenda with your vendor (see EPSDT referral information starting on page 36 of the Addenda). Vendors can also find additional information at www.wpc-edi.com/hipaa/HIPAA_40.asp.

The only change that's mandatory is the use of the new ICD-9 codes for any DOS 10/1/03 and greater which are replacing the Health Check Diagnosis Code N01. The new diagnosis codes can be found in Appendices B and C of the October 2003 Health Check Services Manual. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at the upcoming Health Check workshops (www.time2reg.com/ghpconferences).